



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
and

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

IDENTIFICATION AND CLONING OF A NOVEL HUMAN GENE,
RET16, INVOLVED IN THE INTRACELLULAR SIGNALING
CASCADE

the specification of which was filed on February 15, 2002 as U.S. Application No. 10/077,111.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified
specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose all information which is known by me to be material to
the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign
application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) of any
PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States
listed below and have also listed below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's
certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the
United States for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application
the priority of which is claimed for that subject matter:

None

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional
application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed
below and under 35 U.S.C. §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the
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